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Art Unit: 2172 Applicant: Surendra Goel et al.

Examiner: Jean B. Fleurantin Serial No.: 09/917,675

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: ENABLING A SEARCH FOR BOTH LOCAL AND REMOTE ELECTRONIC Title

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## **REMARKS**

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed with these remarks to keep the application pending while the Examiner processes the amendment filed on January 25, 2005 following an in-person interview with Primary Examiner Alam and Examiner Fleurantin on January 19, 2005. During the interview and as reflected in the Interview Summary reailed on January 25, 2005, the Examiner "suggested that [the] limitations of claims 3 and 6 could be allowable if rewritten in independent format with all of the limitations of the base claim(s)." Applicants filed an amendment on January 25, 2005 converting existing dependent claims 3 and 6 into independent claim forms, as well as added existing dependent claims to these independent claim forms. Based on the in-person interview, applicants believe that all claims are in condition for allowance. Multiple conversations with the Examiner checking on the status of that application have indicated that the amendment filed on January 25, 2005 was not forwarded to the Examiner's docket in time for action.

Prior to the in-person interview on January 19, 2005 and the amendment filed on January 25, 2005, a Notice of Appeal was filed on October 25, 2004. Applicants have not filed an appeal brief because they believe the claims are in condition for allowance based on the in person interview. This RCE is being filed because the appeal brief deadline with a five-month extension of time is due May 25, 2005 and a notice of allowance does not appear to have been mailed.

Applicants request that the amendment filed on January 25, 2005 and these remarks be entered and acted upon.

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Applicants again submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance.

Enclosed is a \$2830 check of which \$790 if for the filing of a RCE and \$2040 is for the 5-month extension of time fee (one-month extension of \$120 paid with Amendment filed January 25, 2005). Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 5 25 2005

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